

**Office of  
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Granite County**

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Clifford Nelson, Chairman  
25 Nelson Lane  
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Maureen Connor, Commissioner  
P O Box 6  
Philipsburg MT 59858

Scott C. Adler, Commissioner  
750 Frontage Road West  
Drummond MT 50932

December 13, 2011

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
P.O. Box 201706  
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Dear Commission Members:

Please find enclosed Powell and Granite Counties' specific request for redistricting. Both Counties are rural and prefer to be together in the same legislative district, as was the case historically.

Both Counties have been diligent in noticing and soliciting the opinions of our constituents about this issue, as you will find in our attached supporting materials.

We have passed a joint resolution to this effect, and respectfully request your consideration.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Powell County Board of Commissioners at 846-9788 or the Granite County Board of Commissioners at 859-7022.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Maureen Connor*  
for the group

## **JOINT RESOLUTION 2011-1**

### **BETWEEN POWELL COUNTY AND GRANITE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commission of Powell and Granite Counties are appreciative of our legislative representatives diligent public service on behalf of the people.

WHEREAS, redistricting of legislative districts cause both Powell County and Granite County to be divided into multiple districts.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County are more alike than different in custom and culture.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share rural characteristics. Powell County has 1,488,889 acres and a population of 7,027 people while Granite County has 1,105,548 acres and a population of 3,074 people. This information is from the 2010 census.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant agricultural economic factors with 273 ranches in Powell County and 104 ranches in Granite County. (Agricultural Statistical Services USDA)

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant timber harvest and wood product economic factors with 25% of the workforce in Powell County employed in this sector and approximately 13% in Granite County.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County both have large percentages of federal forest land with Powell County having 639,018 acres and Granite County having 660,779 acres.

WHEREAS, Powell County has one incorporated town, Deer Lodge, and Granite County has two incorporated towns, Philipsburg and Drummond.

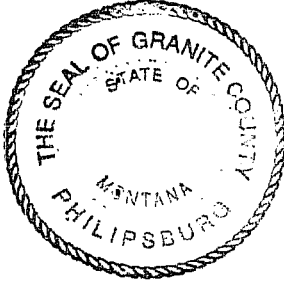
WHEREAS, tourism is a vital part of the economy for both Powell County and Granite County.

WHEREAS, population, boundaries and shared characteristics equal a single legislative district.

WHEREAS, both counties have held hearings and received public support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Powell County and Granite County should be a single legislative district and both counties respectfully request the Legislative Redistricting Commission

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 2011.



POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cele Pohle  
CELE POHLE, Presiding Officer

Donna Young  
DONNA YOUNG, Member

Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.  
RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member

ATTEST:

Diane S. Grey  
DIANE S. GREY, Clerk & Recorder

GRANITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Maureen Connor  
MAUREEN CONNOR

Cliff Nelson  
CLIFFORD NELSON

Scott Adler  
SCOTT ADLER

ATTEST:

Blanche McLure  
BLANCHE McLURE, Clerk & Recorder

November 14, 2011

TO: Granite County Board of Commissioners

P. O. Box 925

Philipsburg, MT 59858

Email: [commissioner@co.granite.mt.us](mailto:commissioner@co.granite.mt.us)

FROM: Granite County Democratic Central Committee

c/o Judith Davis, Treasurer

P. O. Box 194

Hall, Montana 59837

Email: [judith@blackfoot.net](mailto:judith@blackfoot.net)

RE: Redistricting

The Granite County Democrat Central Committee supports the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a revised legislative district. We would support a slight modification of the proposed boundaries if it is necessary to achieve the goal of Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Signature Nel L. Buck H.C.D.C.C. Chair

Print Name Nel L. Buck

P.O. Box 87

HALL, MT 59837

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FROM: Granite County Republican Central Committee

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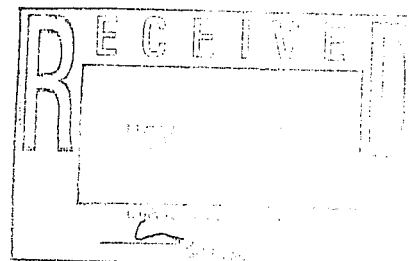
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Email: [potlucklist@gmail.com](mailto:potlucklist@gmail.com)

RE: Redistricting

The Granite County Republican Central Committee supports the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a legislative district. We would support a slight modification of the proposal if it is necessary to achieve the goal of having nearly all of Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

*Constance B Lord  
Granite County Republican Central Committee  
Secretary*



## Maureen Connor

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**From:** Bobby Lanford [bllanford@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 3:06 PM  
**To:** mconnor@co.granite.mt.us  
**Subject:** Redistricting - Granite and Powell Counties

County Commissioner Connor,

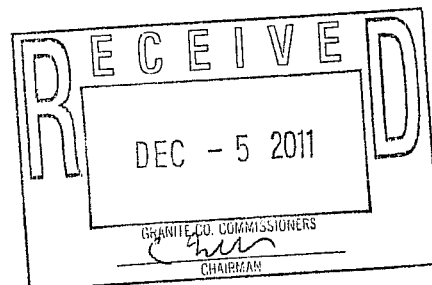
This is to add my support for putting Granite and Powell Counties into the same congressional and senatorial districts. It has been my observation that the economies and societies of Powell and Granite are much more similar than Granite with Deer Lodge Counties. Deer Lodge County is much more of a manufacturing hub more like Butte due to their history of mining. Granite and Powell are more agricultural including ranching and forestry. As a member and past chairman of the USDA Forest Service TriCounty RAC, I had the opportunity to meet and associate with representatives from all three counties. It was very obvious that Powell and Granite Counties had similar concerns and objectives.

Please use this recommendation in anyway you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Bob Lanford

Bobby L. Lanford  
PO Box 308  
Philipsburg, MT 59858  
406-531-3541 (c)  
[bob@lanfordintl.com](mailto:bob@lanfordintl.com)



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I support the proposed redistricting plan that would have Granite County and Powell County as a legislative district. I would support a slight modification of the proposal if it is necessary to achieve the goal of having nearly all Granite and Powell Counties being one district.

Thank you.



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ROBERT BAKER  
P.O. Box 393  
DRUMMOND, MT 59832

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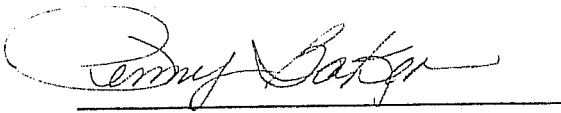
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Thank you.

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PENNY BAKER  
P.O. Box 393  
DRUMMOND, MT 59832



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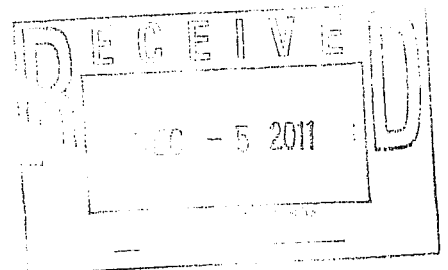
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Karen Hengis Bolin

P.O. Box 946

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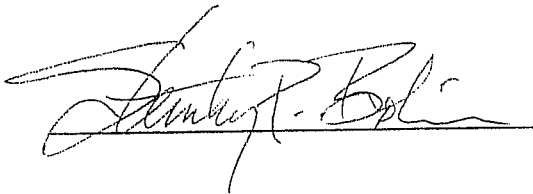
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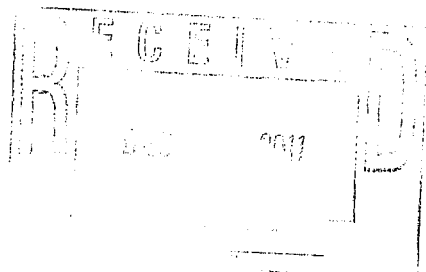
Thank you.

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STANLEY BOLIN

P.O. BOX 946

PHILIPSBURG, MT 59858



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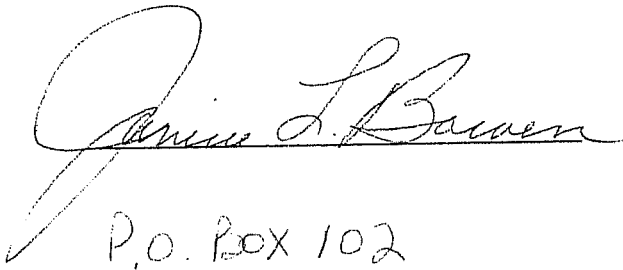
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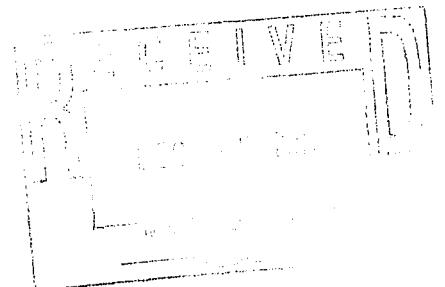
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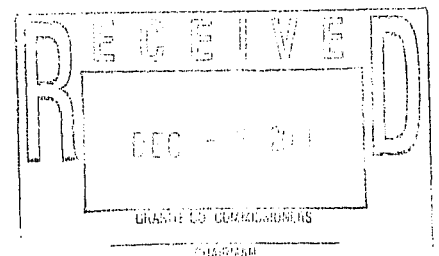
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Thank you.

Caren Byrd

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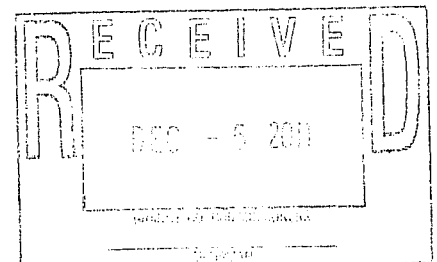
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Thank you.

*Jim Davis*  
542 FRONTAGE RD W  
DRUMMOND, MT 59832



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TO:

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FROM:

Granite County Democratic Central Committee

P.O. Box 194

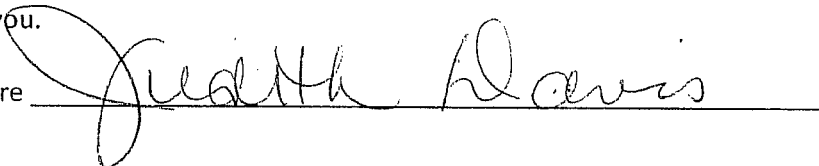
Hall, MT 59837

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Thank you.

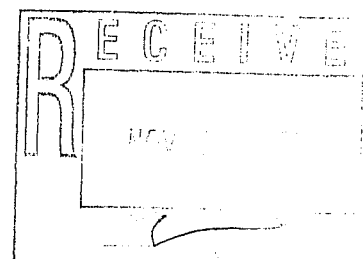
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Judith Davis

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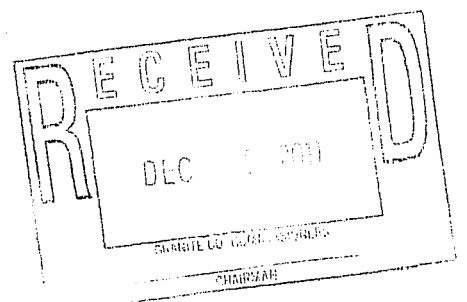
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Thank you.

*Jane D. Engle*

P.O. Box 672

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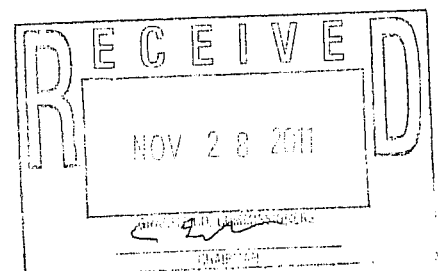
*Lawrence E Fickler*

Print Name

*LAWRENCE E FICKLER*

*P.O. Box 160*

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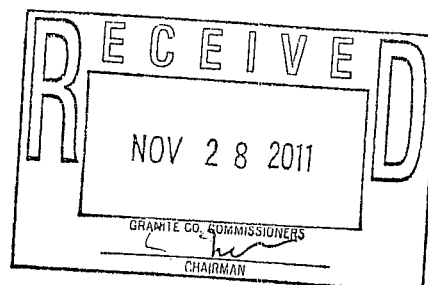
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Signature

Print Name

*Toold E Fickler*

*P.O. Box 381  
DRUMMOND, MT 59832*



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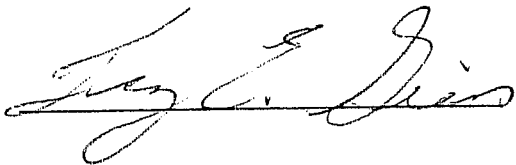
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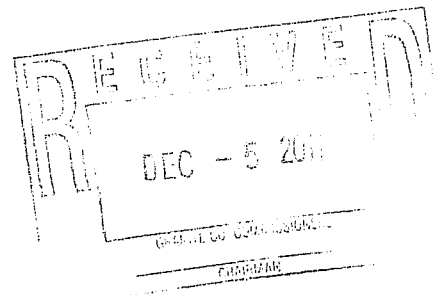
Thank you.



TERRY GIESS

20 PACKER GULCH RD

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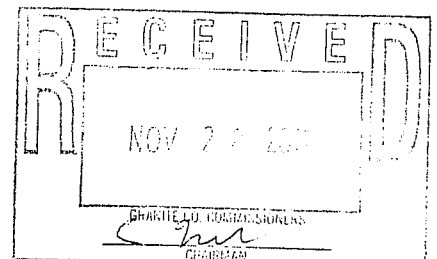
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687 ROCK CREEK RD  
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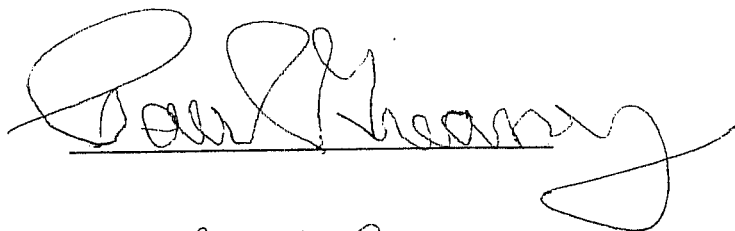
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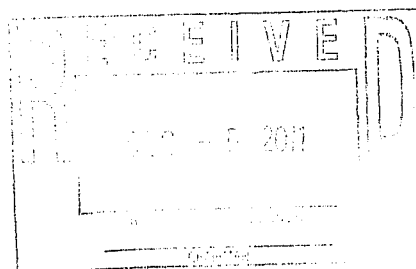
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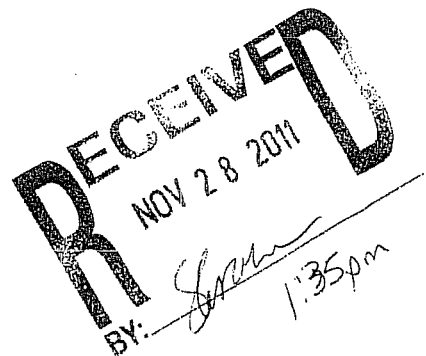
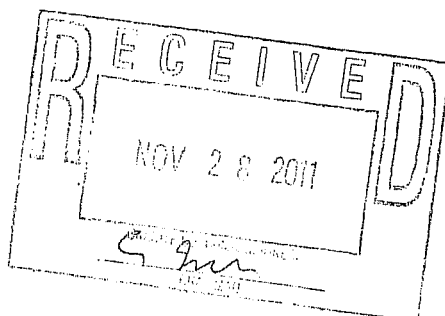
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Thank you.

Denna J. Johnson  
Print name Denna J. Johnson

P.O. Box 795

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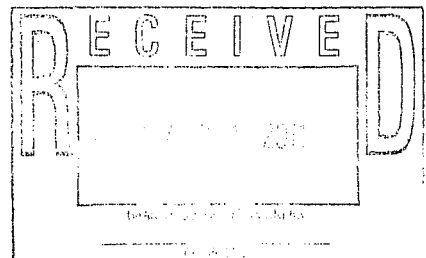
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Thank you.

Signature Charles R. Johnson  
Print Name Charles R. Johnson

P.O. Box 9

HALL, MT 59837



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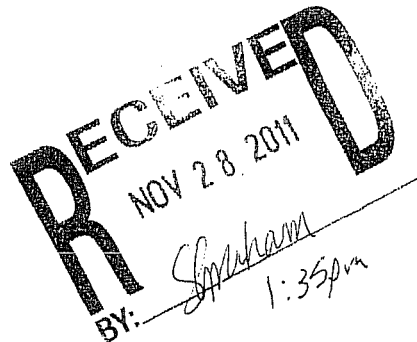
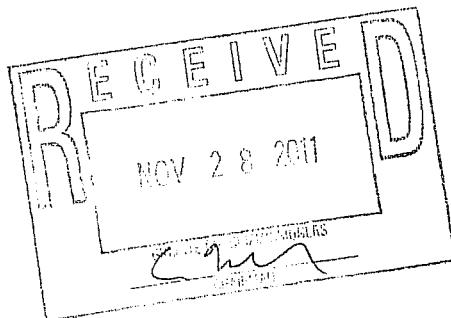
Thank you.

Richard G. Johnson

Print Name Richard G. Johnson

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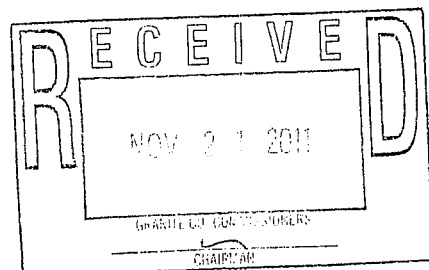
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Signature Shelley Johnson  
Print Name Shelley Johnson

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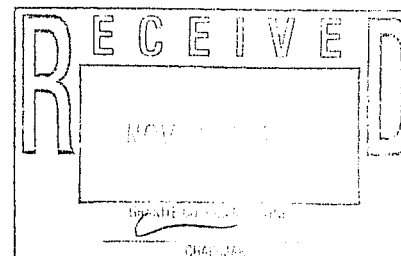
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Constance R. Lord

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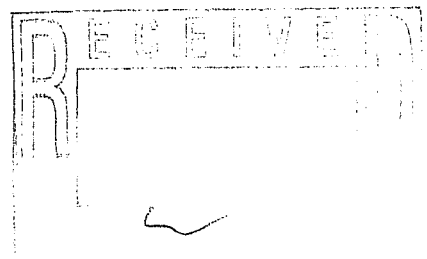
Thank you.

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EDWARD LORD

4 CATTLE DR.

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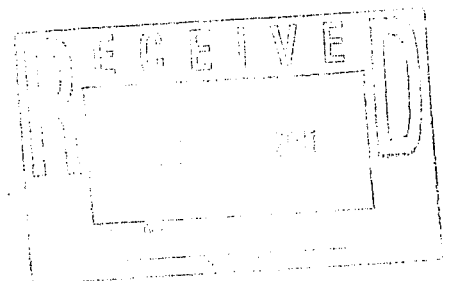
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Thank you.

Loretta E. Mangya

P.O. Box 488

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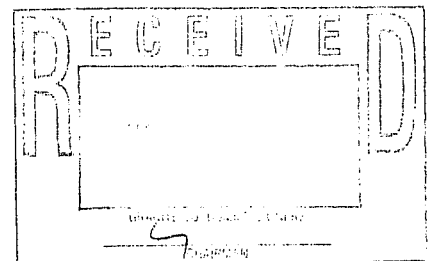
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Thank you.

Esther J. McDonald -

P.O. Box 8.

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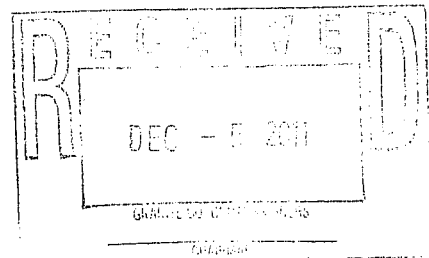
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Thank you.

Braed McDowell

P.O. Box 343

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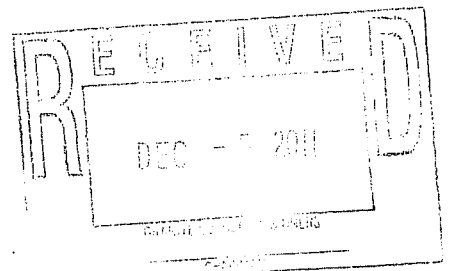
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Thank you.

Tracy L. Dent

P.O. Box 446

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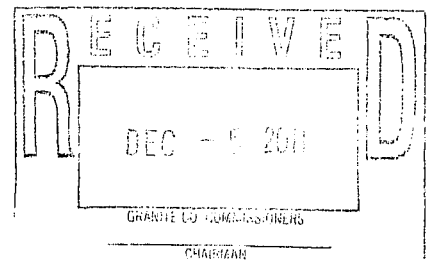
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Thank you.

Jorothy Forence

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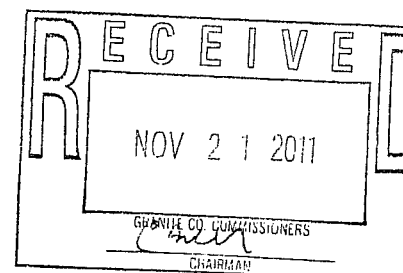
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Thank you.

Eileen G Stephens

P.O. Box 723

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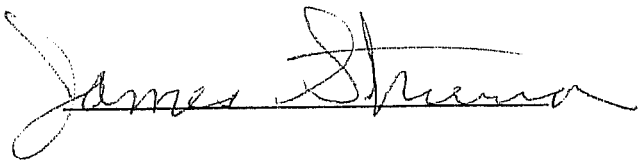
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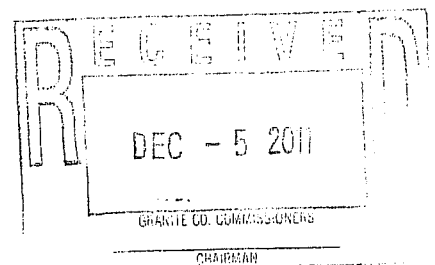
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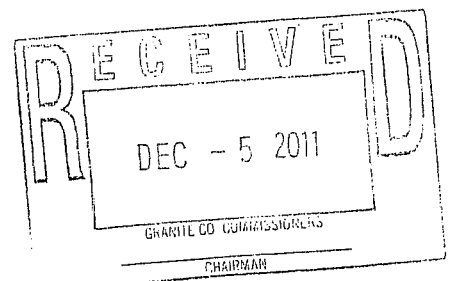
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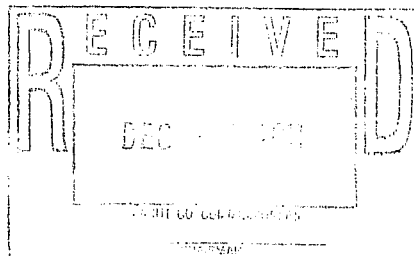
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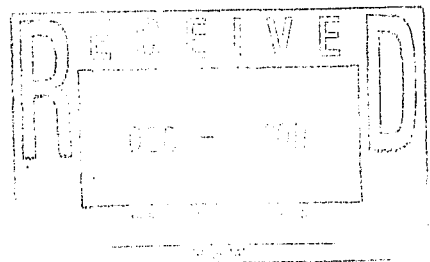
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Elizabeth A. Young

P.O. Box 363

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## Mike Kahoe

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**From:** Maureen Connor [mconnor@co.granite.mt.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 27, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** mike@co.granite.mt.us  
**Subject:** FW: Re-districting House District

Please print for redistricting resolution on agenda Dec 5. MC

**From:** Blaine Bradshaw [mailto:bcbradshaw@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 24, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** Maureen Connor  
**Subject:** Re-districting House District

Granite County Commissioner Maureen Connor:

I am in favor of re-redistricting which splits off Granite County and Powell County from Anaconda Deer Lodge County as Anaconda Deer Lodge will always inequitably control the seat and local politics if it remains as is.

Thank you for looking into this matter.

Please forward this e-mail to Commissioner Adler if you would as I do not have his e-mail address.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Blaine C. Bradshaw  
Granite County Resident  
P.O. Box 445  
Drummond, MT 59832  
Phone: 406-531-5846

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town."

Miller has also set up an account at First Interstate Bank under her son's name.

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### **Powell-Granite counties ask for legislative merger**

DEER LODGE - Powell County and Granite County are more alike than different, and they should be in the same legislative district.

That's the meat of a joint resolution by commissioners of the two counties, the first time they've ever gotten together to author such a thing, reports P.J. Wright of the Silver State Post.

Legislative redistricting takes place every 10 years after the U.S. Census. Wright said the resolution will be sent to a state commission charged with redistricting. It says the two counties are almost exactly the same size - about 1.2 million acres - though Powell County has roughly 7,000 people and Granite County 2,100.

They share significant "timber harvest and wood product economic factors," large portions of federal forest land and a vital tourist industry. If the combined legislative district is granted, it'll stretch from Powell County's northern boundary, in the middle of the Bob Marshall Wilderness east of Condon, to the southern toe of Granite County, at the Continental Divide not far east of Sula.

The final legislative redistricting plan will be presented to the 2013 Legislature.

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### **Superior firehouse likely to be rebid, chief says**

SUPERIOR - Twelve bids came in for the general contract to build a new firehouse in Superior. It looks like they'll all be rejected.

Fire Chief John Woodland told the Mineral Independent's Kyle Spurr that with some minor changes in the specifications, the baseline bid could be lower.

"We are pretty comfortable that where we are going is we will reject all bids and then go back and rebid it," said Woodland, who predicted a groundbreaking as early as Jan. 1.

The bids ranged from roughly \$733,000 by Patterson Construction to more than \$1 million by Dick Anderson Construction. Each included 11 alternate amounts for different items, including paving, extra windows, spray insulation, sprinklers and a fire hydrant. By adjusting the alternate plans, Woodland believes the bids can come in lower.

The firehouse will be built on land behind the old schoolhouse. The fire district received a community block grant for \$346,500 in 2009, and voters last May approved a levy worth \$498,000. The town of Superior has also set aside \$112,000 from its capital improvement budget for the project.

Some of the money went toward buying the land, Spurr said. That purchase closed in August.

Weeklies Reader is compiled by reporters Vince Devlin, Tristan Scott and Kim Briggeman.

# Philipsburg Mail

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## New district may emerge

by Michael Stafford

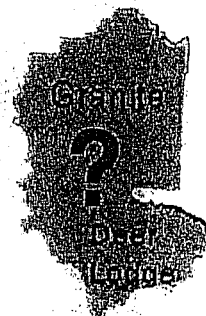
Every 10 years counties have the opportunity to ask the state for changes to their Montana House of Representative district.

And according to Philipsburg local Connie Lord it's time for a change in Granite County.

"We would like Granite County and Powell County to be one legislative district," she told the *Philipsburg Mail*, "this would be better for both political parties in Granite County and in Powell County too."

And those were the sentiments that Lord and Ester McDonald told the Granite County Commissioners on Tuesday. The two explained after they spoke with the commissioners that the current pairing of Granite County with part of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County makes it difficult for a representative of the local area to be elected to the State House. They also said that there are more similarities between Granite County and Powell County than between Granite and Deer Lodge Counties, specifically agriculture.

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House District  
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changes.

# New House district may trace old lines

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"Economically and environmentally and you might say socially in a lot of ways ... we share those things in common and that's one of the things their looking for," said Lord, "we don't share as much with Anaconda."

The Board of Commissioners explained to the *Mail* that while they are taking public comment on the possible redistricting, they are not the ones who will decide whether it happens or not. Commissioner Maureen Connor said that having received positive comment and no negative comment from the public they will be considering a joint resolution with Powell County Commissioners stating their desire for the two counties to be

in the same district.

But even though they make the resolution, the five member redistricting commission in Helena does not need to follow the counties' recommendation.

"It does help deliver the message that this is what we want in Powell and Granite County," said Connor, "it's seen as being a way to have a rural representation."

And according to the Commissioners as well as those who provided public comment, being paired with Anaconda makes it difficult for a Granite County candidate to be elected to the House of Representatives. According to the board, the last (publicly elected) representative from Granite County that has served in

the house to the best of their recollection was Loranne Gillies.

While the commissioners said that the proposed new district would split them from Deer Lodge County and Anaconda, they were adamant to point out that the split did not represent negative feelings towards Anaconda or Deer Lodge County.

According to information provided by the Montana State website, the 2010 population of Montana is 984,000.

The redistricting commission, which includes four members appointed by majority and minority leaders of both the House and Senate and a fifth member selected by the first four or the Supreme

Court meets every 10 years to decide whether to change district boundaries. The ideal size of the 100 House Districts should be around 9,840 people. The 50 Senate Districts should be twice that size at around 19,600 people.

According to Connie Lord, Granite County's House district used to include parts of Powell County and up to Seeley Lake. And based on what she has heard from both major political parties in Granite County, a number of people would like to see some version of that old district once again. And opposition to the new district lines? "So far none. None that we know about," she said.

## Finishing up the Philipsburg section

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The County's contracted planner for the policy revisions, Brent Moore, met with a number of citizens and groups in town to discuss goals and visions they have for the burg.

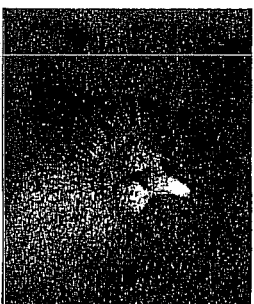
After gathering record of those sentiments he created a draft of the section which then went through a scoping process as well as public

hearings. Over the course of the meetings changes were made but at a number of meetings very few showed up to comment on the draft despite advertisement of the meetings.

"Again, not well attended which is unfortunate," said Bouck about the recent October 13 Planning Board meeting on the updates. Although there was some discussion

after the hearing was closed addressing various comments ranging from zoning to whether Philipsburg should have their own growth policy and planning board, it will still be a little time before the Commissions take action on the draft. According to them the next step in the process will be to adopt a resolution of intent to adopt the updates followed by a resolution actually adopting them.

Rocky appears to be a big tough guy but he just wants a little peace and quiet in his life. He was abandoned over 2 years ago and is still hopeful for a place of his own. A nice warm barn or shop would c



Rocky

Pintler Pets Humane Society, 205 Silver Street, P.O. Box 1204, Anaconda, MT 59711 - Hours: through Sat. 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; closed Sun except by appointment. Contact: pintler\_pets@yahoo.com - 406-563-7464, or Pat 406-2564, - www.neuterville.petfinder.com - w montanapets.org/pp

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### **CHILDREN WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY CATHOLIC CLERGY AND OTHER AGENTS**

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Montana laws and regulations related to human resource management.

Please submit an application and resume  
to Jeff Prater via mail or email:  
jprater@gemedcenter.org (GCMC).

## **Horoscopes push the positive**

**Aries \*\*\*\*\* March 21 - April 19**  
This is your chance to make a new start. Just make sure you do it on your terms. Be sure that you know exactly what you want and you make others aware of your intentions and direction.

**Scorpio \*\*\*\*\* October 23 - November 21**  
This weekend, assist a friend or relative who is struggling with finances to set up a budget.

### **Libra \* September 23 - October 22**

You may need to face issues in your personal life. You can't continue to avoid the obvious. Dive right into the heart of the issue and find a way to

*Horoscopes are brought to you each week by the mysterious mistresses of occult. Philipsburg's own resident gypsies, Sabrina and Trixie.*

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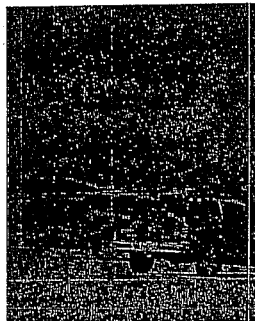
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Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) is seeking a Human Resource Generalist. This person will provide human resources consultation and support. Will use knowledge of various human resources functions, including staffing, compensation, benefits, training and employee relations to provide tactical HR support. Acts as a liaison to other human resources functions when necessary. Must be familiar with



Soon all the signs along Route One

## **New signs**

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route.  
"The integration of the new signs was originally slated to be gradual, when the MDT looked into the signs along Route One they found out that they were all scheduled for replacement. In total including signs along Interstate 90, Route One, and Skalkaho Road (Route 38) there are 18 signs.

"Once the legislation was completed and enrolled we looked at all the signs and they were all scheduled for replacement," she said noting that soon the design of the signs along the route will all be consistent.

Route One was designated as a scenic route 33 years ago when it was named the first scenic route in Montana.

According to the May 25, 1978 edition of the *Philipsburg Mail* the "Pintlar Scenic Route" was opened with a ceremony as well as a 40-car motorcade which traversed the 65 mile route. At the opening on May 21, 1978 there were ribbon cutting ceremonies at Drummond and Opportunity as well as stops at Philipsburg, Denton's Point, Anaconda, and Fairmont Hot Springs.

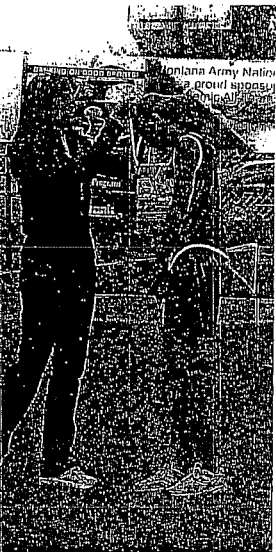
"Montana Governor Thomas Judge addressed an enthusiastic group of Pintlar Scenic Route motorcade participants at a luncheon Sunday at Denton's Point," stated the *Mail*, "he used many complimentary words to describe the natural beauty of the country along Highway 10-A."

And according to the old articles there was reason for celebration. Route One was the first dedicated scenic

## **Town Hall plan**

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"Once the plan is complete, I know

## named All State



Krys Bryant received a medal for being named one of the All Stars at the State Cross Country meet in Missoula. Athletes such as the Marcus Daly Marathon runner in Hamilton, the Anaconda State Champion, and the Butte Central meet winner in Fairmont Hot Springs. While the season has come to an end for the Drummond runners, Anderson says that he has seen improvement over the weeks and believes the team did well this season.

"It's been a good year," he said, "each week I've seen each one of these guys lower their times."

## to Districts

ad four, the sole senior, even commented, "It is tough when you are outplaying your opponent."

Nonetheless, Shanna led her team in a demolition of the Lady Pirates in a three-game win. With scores of 25-8, 25-19, and 25-10, Victor did not stand a chance.

Keeping the intensity level high for her teammates, Shanna dominated with 14 kills, 8 aces, and a dig. Junior Kylie Connors had two aces and three digs. Liz Graham continued to work her magic with 21 assists and an ace. Anna Pence showed her strength at the net, slamming down nine kills, six aces, shutting down opposition with two blocks. Whitney and Nikki were powerful pieces of the court as Whitney sent back two kills and a dig, and Nikki pulled up two digs and an ace.

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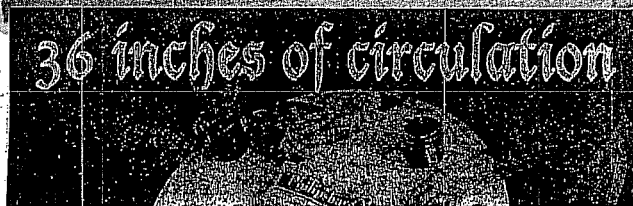
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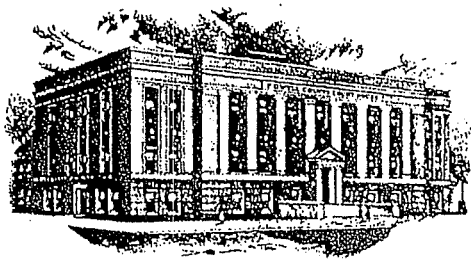
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10:00 A.M.	PAYROLL
11:00 A.M.	PAYROLL
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
1:00 P.M.	LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING HEARING
2:00 P.M.	MARY EMERSON - LANDFILL
3:00 P.M.	BRIAN BENDER – MONTHLY PLANNER REPORT
4:00 P.M.	CORRESPONDENCE
4:30 P.M.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
5:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

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## Powell County Clerk Recorder

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From: Dave Lewis [davelewisd@aol.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 4:04 PM  
To: Powell County Clerk & Recorder  
Subject: Redistricting

I agree with the proposal to combine Powell and Granite County in to a House District. It makes sense to have Powell all in one District and there are common interests with Granite.  
Senator  
Dave Lewis



Connie Lord &lt;potlucklist@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Redistricting**

1 message

LINDA L VAUGHEY &lt;lvaughey@aol.com&gt;

Thu, Aug 25, 2011 at 10:25 PM

To: potlucklist@gmail.com

**From:** "Rep. Mike Miller, HD84" <[Mike4HD84@blackfoot.net](mailto:Mike4HD84@blackfoot.net)>**Date:** August 12, 2011 1:32:06 PM MDT**To:** <[districting@mt.gov](mailto:districting@mt.gov)>**Subject:** Redistricting

Honored Commission Members,

I am the representative from House District 84. I feel this district is a great example of what not to do this next redistricting cycle. The following are the reasons I believe this, along with suggestions to help more closely meet the redistricting guidelines and requirements:

While the District may be contiguous on the map, I cannot drive from one end to the other, on pavement, without leaving the district. Once I reach Macdonald Pass on the Powell County side there is no way to get to the North Helena Valley without leaving the District. Once I get to Lincoln, to continue on to another 40-50 miles of the District, I have to use gravel roads to stay in the District and to go around Lincoln.

The towns of Ovando (Powell County) and Lincoln (Lewis & Clark County) are divided with only small portions (about 50 voters ea) in HD84 - the remainder are in HD17, along with Augusta. This breaks up those communities into two separate districts.

There are 17 Precincts in HD84. These people do not share the same political concerns and issues with their more distant neighbors. An example would be Pct 16 in Powell County (the town of Racetrack) and the people in Lewis & Clark County Pct 43 (the town of Craig). Nor do they share the same issues with the majority of the northern Helena Valley, Marysville, Canyon Creek, Silver City, or Helmsville. The residents of the Helena Valley, which includes portions of several of the Helena districts, do not share the same political concerns and issues as do the people that live in the downtown area of Helena. They certainly are not part of the same community or neighborhood.

The rural population of Lewis & Clark County makes up about 80% of the population in HD84 with most of the rural population in Powell County making up the remainder. I can certainly understand that in rural areas, multiple small communities must be combined with other small communities over a large distance. But breaking those small communities apart does not make sense.

In my opinion, it would be more logical, and more in complying with the requirements to keep like communities and neighborhoods together and to make districts compact and contiguous, to combine all of Powell County with all of Granite County to form one district that would more closely reflect neighborhoods and communities that share similar political concerns and issues. The new district would be large in area at just over 4000 sq. mi. and would contain just over 10,000 people - well within the 3% deviation that you have adopted. It would be possible to drive from one end to the other on pavement.



Connie Lord <potlucklist@gmail.com>

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## Redistricting

1 message

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Jim Jenner <jim@paccomfilms.com>

Sat, Sep 17, 2011 at 9:07 AM

To: Ed Lord <potlucklist@gmail.com>

Dear Connie:

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the potential for Granite County to be combined with Powell County as a Legislative District. I agree that the two areas have much in common as far as their economies and community histories. I believe joining the two in a new House District would be fair to the citizens of both Granite and Powell Counties in terms of balanced representation.

Best wishes,

Jim Jenner  
Former HD86 Representative

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# POWELL COUNTY SILVER STATE

## Counties endorse redistricting

by P.J. Wright

For the very first time, the Commissioners of Powell and Granite counties authored a joint resolution. In this case, it was for the legislative redistricting which takes place every 10 years following the taking of the U.S. Census. Both County Commissioner bodies are asking for the two counties to be put into the same legislative district.

The resolution will be sent to the Districting and Apportionment Commission which has authority to draw the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts.

The joint county resolution asserts that Powell and Granite counties are more alike than different in custom and culture, that they share rural characteristics. It goes on to say Powell County has 1.2 million acres and a population of 7027 people while Granite County also has 1.2 million acres and a population of 2074 people.

The resolution further compares the significant timber harvest and wood product economic factors. Each county has large percentages of federal forest land and tourism is a vital economy for both Powell and Granite Counties.

The commissioners state in their joint resolution that the population, boundaries and shared characteristics "equal a single legislative district."

When the final legislative redistricting plan is made, it will be presented to the 2013 Legislature for review and recommendations. The Legislature has 30 days to make recommendations to the Commission. Within 30 days of receiving the Legislature's recommendations, the Commission must file the redistricting plan with the Secretary of State and it becomes law. Although the Commission may modify the plan to accommodate the Legislature's recommendations, it is not required to do so. The legislative plan will be in effect for the 2014 election cycle.

Powell County Commissioners are Cele Pohle, Donna Young and Rem Mannix. Granite County Commissioners are Maureen Conner, Clifford Nelson and Scott Adler.

### Wednesday



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### Thursday



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June 26, 2011

To the Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

As long-time residents of the Philipsburg area, we would like to have Granite County combined with Powell County or the Seeley Lake area to create a legislative district. This area was once a district and was changed during the 2000 re-districting cycle. Granite was combined with an urban area of Deer Lodge County. The area does not share the same economic and social interests as rural Granite County.

The district we are proposing shares similar interests; those being agriculture, timber and mining.

We are requesting the Districting Commission to create a legislative district similar to the one that we are proposing.

Thank you.

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The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Cele Pohle and Members, Donna Young and Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.

Commissioner Pohle received notice via email from Patricia Renevier, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the executed copies of Project Agreement #69-0325-12-023, Jens Bridge area flood repair. A copy is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Road District Two Foreman, Duane Hoxworth presented a certified letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding a gravel pit violation in that district. Commissioner Mannix will contact Great West Engineering and the DEQ.

At 1:10 P.M., Presiding Officer Pohle opened the Public Hearing for a proposal for redistricting and a reading of the Joint Resolution. Citizen Dean Dutton was in attendance. He was in favor of the proposal. A conference call was held with Granite County.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

#### BETWEEN POWELL COUNTY AND GRANITE COUNTY

2011-1

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commission of Powell and Granite Counties are appreciative of our legislative representatives diligent public service on behalf of the people.

WHEREAS, redistricting of legislative districts cause both Powell County and Granite County to be divided into multiple districts.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County are more alike than difference in custom and culture.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share rural characteristics. Powell County has 1.2 million acres and a population of 7027 people while Granite County also has 1.2 million acres and a population of 3074 people. This information is from the 2010 census.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant agricultural economic factors with 273 ranches in Powell County and 104 ranches in Granite County. (Agricultural Statistical Services USDA).

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County share significant timber harvest and wood product economic factors with 25% of the workforce in Powell County employed in this sector and \_\_\_\_% in Granite County.

WHEREAS, Powell County and Granite County both have large percentages of federal forest land with Powell County having 630,018 acres and Granite County having 660,779 acres.